GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SUGARCANE AND SUGAR TECHNOLOGY
GORDHANBHAI JAVIA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent by the Government on the setting up of National Instituteto Sugarcane and Sugar Technology, Mau, Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether there is any proposal to close-down the institute;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the fate of the employees already employed in the institute; and

(d) if not, the likely date by which the Institute is likely to start functioning?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) An estimated amount of Rs.15.87 crores has been spent by the Government on NationalInstitute of Sugarcane & Sugar Technology, Mau, from 1993-94 till 2000-01.

(b) & (c) : The Central Monitoring Group of the Ministry of Finance, in its meeting held on 27thJanuary, 2000 has recommended that as NISST has not yet fully developed as anInstitution, it may be wound up and the assets be transferred to any Central/State Agency looking for accommodation in that area. The Group has also recommended that the activities proposed to be taken up at NISST may be entrusted to National Sugar Institute, Kanpur.

In view of this recommendation, the Government is considering the feasibility of transferring the assets of NISST to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) an Institute under the Ministry of Agriculture. A final decision from ICAR is still awaited.

As regards the employees already in position, the matter will be taken up with the ICAR after its comes out with a decision on taking over the assets of NISST.

(d) In view of the circumstances brought out in (b) and (c) above, no fixed date, can at present be intimated.